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LETTERS PATENT

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith: To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS pursuant to the Patents Act 1953 an application has been made for a patent of an Invention for

QUATERNARY DERIVATIVES OF NOROXYMORPHONE WHICH RELIEVE NAUSEA AND EMESIS

(more particularly described in the complete specification relating to the application)
AND WHEREAS

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, an Illinois non-profit corporation, of 947 East 58th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637, U.S.A.

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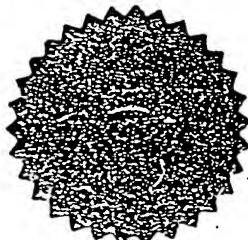
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PATENTS ACT 1953

COMPLETE SPECIFICATION

QUATERNARY DERIVATIVES OF NOROXYMORPHONE WHICH RELIEVE NAUSEA
AND EMESIS

WE, THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, an Illinois non-profit corporation, of 947 East 58th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637, U.S.A., hereby declare the invention, for which we pray that a patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:

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10 QUATERNARY DERIVATIVES OF NOROXYMORPHONE
- WHICH RELIEVE NAUSEA AND EMESIS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 The administration of therapeutic doses of morphine
and other clinically useful narcotic analgesics is often
accompanied by unpleasant side effects on the gastro-
intestinal system. For instance, morphine and related
opiates such as meperidine and methadone may retard
20 intestinal mobility by causing contractions of the small
bowel circular smooth muscle.

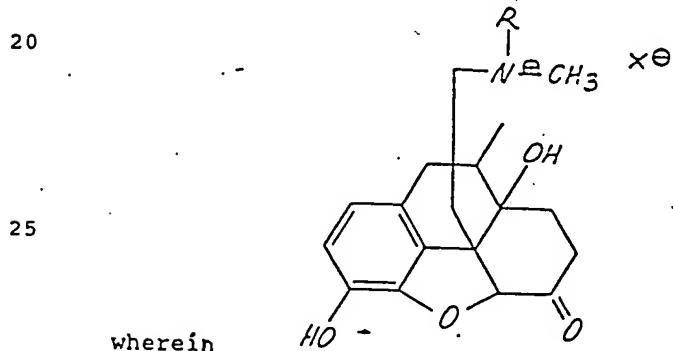
Morphine and related narcotics may also induce
nausea and increased mobility of the gastro-intestinal
tract resulting in emesis or vomiting. These side
25 effects are caused by direct stimulation of the
chemoreceptor trigger zone for emesis in the area
postrema of the medulla. (Goodman and Bilman, The
Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics, p. 502 [6th ed.
1980], incorporated herein by reference.) Studies have
shown that morphine and other narcotics cause emesis in
30 dogs. For example, Wang and Glaviano, JPET 111:329-334
(9143), incorporated herein by reference, reported that
administration of 0.5 mg/kg of morphine intravenously to
12 dogs resulted in emesis in 9 dogs within an average
of 2.4 minutes. (Mg/kg refers to milligrams of morphine
35 per kilograms of body weight.) When 1.0 mg/kg of

1 morphine was administered intramuscularly to 13 dogs, 12
of them vomited within an average time of 3.5 minutes.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

5 U. S. Patent No. 4,176,186 to myself and others
disclosed treatment of intestinal immobility associated
with the use of narcotic analgesics through the
administration of quaternary derivatives of
noroxymorphone. It has now been discovered that the
10 same compounds are also useful for the treatment, both
prophylactic and therapeutic, of the nausea and vomiting
associated with the administration of these drugs.

15 According to the invention, therefore, nausea and
vomiting by warm-blooded animals receiving morphine and
related opiates, meperidine, methadone or the like, may
be prevented or relieved by the administration of
methylnaltrexone or other quaternary derivatives of
noroxymorphone represented by the formula:



25 R is allyl or a related radical such as
chloroallyl, cyclopropyl-methyl or propargyl, and

30 X is the anion of an acid, especially a chloride,
bromide, iodide or methylsulfate anion.

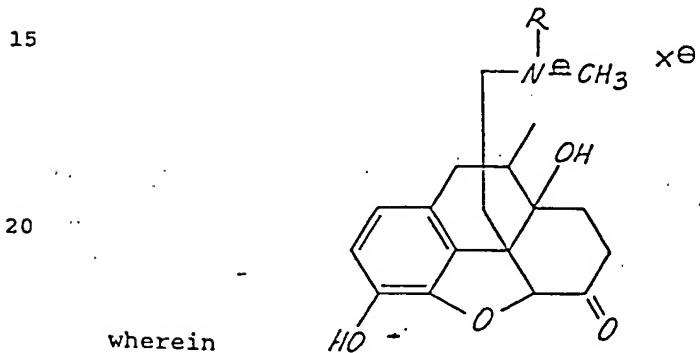
35 These compounds are administered to the animal
either prior to or simultaneously with the
administration of the narcotic analgesic. They may be

1 administered either enterally or parenterally. There
has not been observed any interference with the
analgesic activity of the opiates.

As used herein, unless the sense of the usage
5 indicates otherwise, the term "morphine" refers to any
narcotic analgesic.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

This invention relates to the use of quaternary derivatives of noroxymorphone to prevent or relieve nausea and vomiting associated with the administration of morphine to warm-blooded animals. The useful compounds are represented by the formula:



R is allyl or a related radical such as chloroallyl, cyclopropyl-methyl or propargyl, and

X is the anion of an acid, especially a chloride, bromide, iodide or methylsulfate anion.

The compounds are synthesized as described in United States Patent No. 4,176,186, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. A particularly preferred noroxymorphone derivative is methylnaltrexone, but other compounds represented by the above formula are also suitable.

Methylnaltrexone or other noroxymorphone derivatives may be administered to the patient either

1 enterally or parenterally. However, a preferred method
of administration is by injection. Nausea and emesis
may follow after even a single does of morphine, unlike
5 intestinal immobility which is usually the effect of
chronic repeated usage of the drug. Consequently, it is
contemplated that the patient will be given an injection
of methylnaltrexone prior to surgery or other occasion
when morphine is used to treat acute pain.

10 As illustrated by the following Controls and Examples, our studies show that methylnaltrexone inhibits emesis when administered either together with the morphine or before the morphine is administered. It is thought that methylnaltrexone or other quaternary
15 noroxymorphone derivatives may be administered up to two hours before the administration of morphine, but that period may be variable. In our studies, methylnaltrexone was administered intramuscularly by means of a syringe. Methylnaltrexone may also be administered enterally or parenterally by other means.
20 It has been found to be effective in dosages in the range of about 0.05 mg/kg to about 1.0 mg/kg for each 1 mg/kg of administered morphine. It was found effective when administered in the same syringe as morphine and also when administered up to about one hour before the
25 administration of morphine.

30 The effect of methylnaltrexone in reversing the emetic effects of morphine is illustrated herein. The unit of mg/kg refers to milligrams of substance administered per kilograms of body weight.

CONTROL 1 AND EXAMPLE 1

One mg/kg of morphine was administered intramuscularly to five dogs. Four dogs vomited. In each instance, vomiting occurred within four minutes.
35 On a different day the same dose of morphine was

1 administered intramuscularly to the same five dogs in
the same syringe with 1 mg/kg of methylnaltrexone. None
of the dogs vomited.

5 CONTROL 2 AND EXAMPLE 2

Six dogs were given intramuscular doses of 1 mg/kg
of morphine. All six dogs vomited. On an additional
day the same dose of morphine was combined with 0.5
mg/kg of methylnaltrexone and administered in the same
syringe to the same dogs. None of the dogs vomited.

10 CONTROL 3 AND EXAMPLE 3

One mg/kg of morphine was administered
intramuscularly to three dogs. All three dogs vomited.
On an additional day the morphine was combined with 0.25
mg/kg of methylnaltrexone and administered in the same
syringe. None of the dogs vomited.

20 CONTROL 4 AND EXAMPLE 4

Methylnaltrexone was administered to two dogs prior
to the administration of 1 mg/kg morphine. In one dog,
0.5 mg/kg of methylnaltrexone was administered
intramuscularly 15 minutes before the morphine. No
vomiting occurred. In the second dog, the same dose of
methylnaltrexone was administered 30 minutes before the
administration of morphine. No vomiting occurred.

25 CONTROL 5 AND EXAMPLE 5

0.05 mg/kg methylnaltrexone was administered
intravenously to four dogs one minute prior to the
administration of 1.0 mg/kg morphine. No vomiting
occurred in any of the dogs. On a different day, the
same animals were given 1.0 mg/kg morphine without the
administration of methylnaltrexone. All four dogs
vomited.

1 The administration of methylnaltrexone alone was
found to produce no noticeable effects in the animals.
Previous studies with larger doses of methylnaltrexone
have demonstrated that unlike the non-quaternary
5 naltrexone, methylnaltrexone does not precipitate
withdrawal systems in morphine-tolerant dogs. Russell
et al., Eur. J. Pharmacol. 78:255-261 (1982),
incorporated herein by reference. Methylnaltrexone has
not been found to interfere with the analgesic activity
10 of morphine or narcotics.

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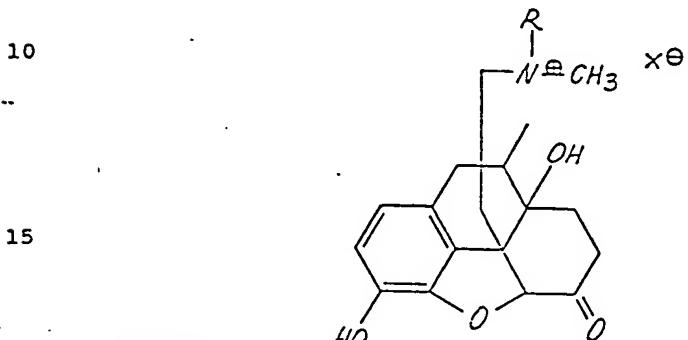
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1 WHAT WE CLAIM IS:

5 1. A method for preventing or relieving nausea
and emesis associated with the use of narcotic
analgesics in warm-blooded animals, which comprises
administering to an animal prone towards nausea or
emesis on receiving narcotic analgesics, an effective
amount of at least one nausea and emesis relieving
compound of the formula:



20 R is allyl or a related radical such as chlorallyl, cyclopropyl-methyl or propargyl, and

25 X is the anion of an acid, especially a chloride, bromide, iodide or methylsulfate anion, prior to or simultaneously with administration of the narcotic analgesic.

30 2. A method as claimed in claim 1, where the compound is administered to the animal in an amount between about 0.05 mg/kg and about 1.0 mg/kg.

35 3. A method as claimed in claim 1, where the compound is administered to the animal enterally.

4. A method as claimed in claim 1, where the compound is administered to the animal parenterally.

1 5. A method as claimed in claim 4, where the compound is administered to the animal by injection.

5 6. A method as claimed in claim 1, where the compound is administered to the animal prior to the administration of the narcotic analgesic.

10 7. A method as claimed in claim 6, where the compound is administered to the animal up to about two hours prior to the administration of the narcotic analgesic.

15 8. A method as claimed in claim 1, where the compound is administered to the animal concurrently with the administration of the narcotic analgesic.

9. A method as claimed in claim 1, where the compound comprises methylnaltrexone.

20 10. A method for preventing or relieving nausea and emesis associated with the use of narcotic analgesics in warm-blooded animals, which comprises administering to an animal prone to exhibit nausea or emesis on administration of narcotic analgesics, methylnaltrexone in the amount of between about 0.05 mg/kg and about 1.0 mg/kg simultaneous with or up to about two hours prior to the time of administration of the narcotic analgesic.

30 11. A method as claimed in claim 10, where the methylnaltrexone is administered to the animal parenterally.

1 12. A method for preventing or removing nausea and
emesis substantially as hereinbefore described with re-
ference to any one of Examples 1 to 5.

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